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Interested Parties:

SECOND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE AB 982 PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The second organizational meeting of the AB 982 Public Advisory Group (PAG) will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2000. The meeting will be held in the State Water Resources Control Board's hearing room at 901 P Street, Sacramento.

Please find enclosed: (1) a Summary of the first organizational meeting held on January 21, 2000, (2) a list of January 21, 2000 meeting attendees, (3) an agenda for the upcoming meeting, (4) draft operating procedures for the PAG, and (5) a workplan for developing the comprehensive surface water ambient monitoring program.

If you have any questions regarding the PAG or the meeting, please call Craig J. Wilson, Chief of the Bays and Estuaries Unit, at (916) 657-1108.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Enclosures (5)



AB 982 Public Advisory Group

Organizational Meeting

January 21, 2000

State Water Resources Control Board Hearing Room

Meeting Summary

- ◆ Mary Jane Forster described the AB 982 requirements and the charge of the group (handouts enclosed).
- ◆ SWRCB staff gave a presentation on what is required for implementation of AB 982. The discussion included the AB 982 mandates, cross-cutting issues, the SWRCB response, the objectives of the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Plan and a timeline for AB 982 implementation.

The discussion was then opened up to the participants. Some of the points that were raised included:

- ◆ The Public Advisory Group (PAG) should be small in number.
- ◆ There should be a balance between environmental and discharger interests.
- ◆ There should be one member that could be considered a part of either category (e.g., a drinking water purveyor).
- ◆ Need more diverse discharger membership than proposed by SWRCB staff.
- ◆ Need more diverse environmental community membership (e.g., organized labor, subsistence fisherpeople).
- ◆ The PAG should have 15 members, each with an alternate. The membership would be: 7 Environmental Representatives, 7 Discharger Representatives, and 1 Drinking Water Purveyor.
- ◆ Focus should be on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development instead of monitoring and listing.
- ◆ There should be a public comment period at each meeting.
- ◆ All information regarding this matter should be posted on the SWRCB web site.
- ◆ Those present were to confer with other interested parties and choose representatives for the next meeting of the PAG scheduled for February 11, 2000.
- ◆ Concerns were raised on how the advice would be addressed by SWRCB staff.

Mary Jane Forster concluded the meeting by deciding that the committee should have 15 members with 7 Environmental group members, 7 Discharger members and one Drinking Water Purveyor.

To discuss this summary, please contact Gita Kapahi, the staff liaison to the committee, at (916) 657-0883.

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